

Council Agenda Item 26-0118R



MEETING DATE: February 23, 2026

SUBJECT/TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH MSA PROFESSIONAL SERVICES INC. TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION SERVICES FOR 2026 LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACE PROJECTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 1,564,265.00.

SUBMITTED BY: Jon Maruska, Senior Engineering Specialist, Public Works and Utilities

RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: N/A

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION: N/A

BACKGROUND: The EPA's Lead and Copper Rule Improvements (LCRI) require water systems to replace all lead water services by the end of 2037. Duluth is planning to replace approximately 1,200 lead service lines in 2026 utilizing funding through the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority. 1,100 service line replacements will occur in neighborhood-wide projects in the Spirit Valley, Denfeld, East Hillside, and Endion neighborhoods. Projects of this scale require the City to request additional construction administration services for project management and inspection from an outside consultant engineer. The Engineering Division split this construction administration work into two packages and allowed consultant engineers to submit proposals on one or both packages. MSA Professional Services Inc. submitted a proposal to complete the entire scope of work, received the highest score from the review panel, and submitted the lowest cost proposal.

BUDGET/FISCAL IMPACT: The funds are budgeted in fund 510-500-1905-5533; UtilB-2321, 2322, 2324, & 2325 (water; Public Works and Utilities; capital (incl deprec/debt svc); capital improvements – revenue; utility projects budgeted; LSLR Spirit Valley, LSLR Denfeld, LSLR East Hillside 1, & LSLR Endion) and reimbursable through the MPFA.

OPTIONS:

- 1) Approve – This option will provide construction management and inspection services necessary to replace lead water service lines, capture available Federal and State infrastructure funding, further the City's efforts to meet the requirements of the LCRI, and best serve the public health of Duluth's residents.
- 2) Do Not Approve - This option would prevent replacement of approximately 1,100 lead service lines and leave available funding unutilized.

NECESSARY ACTION: Approve.

ATTACHMENTS: N/A